

“The Repentance Wrought by the Spirit”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 25:16, 18, 1-2, 5, 15, 20**

Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- / cy on me,*
 for I am desolate and af- / flicted.
 Look on my affliction / and my pain,*
 and forgive / all my sins.
 To You, O Lord, I lift / up my soul.*
 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not / be ashamed.
 You are the God of my sal- / vation;*
 on You I wait / all the day.
 My eyes are ever / toward the Lord,*
 for He shall pluck my feet out / of the net.
 Keep my soul, and de- / liver me;*
 let me not be ashamed, for I put my / trust in You.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Matthew 16:16-17**

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, the Protector of all that trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Your mercy that, You being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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| <p>1. Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
 Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
 Here is hope for all who grieve--
 Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> | <p>4. Come, ye sinners, one and all,
 Come, accept His invitation;
 Come, obey His gracious call,
 Come and take His free salvation!
 Firmly in these words believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> |
| <p>2. We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
 Pardon, peace, and life proclaim.
 Here their ills have perfect healing
 Who with humble hearts believe--
 Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> | <p>6. Oh, how blest it is to know;
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter Passion:
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> |

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
 Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
 and was buried. He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the
 dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
 the right hand of God, the Father
 Almighty. From thence He will come to
 judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
 resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
 Our Father, who art in
 heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily
 bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
 temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and
 the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have kept me this night from all
 harm and danger; and I pray that
 You would keep me this day also
 from sin and every evil, that all my
 doings and life may please You.
 For into Your hands I commend
 myself, my body and soul, and all
 things. Let Your holy angel be with
 me, that the evil foe may have no
 power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have graciously kept me this day;
 and I pray that You would forgive
 me all my sins where I have done
 wrong, and graciously keep me this
 night. For into Your hands, I
 commend myself, my body and
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy
 angel be with me, that the evil foe
 may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of June 28-July 4, 2020

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Repentance Wrought by the Spirit

What was lost is found. Sheep. Coins. Sinners called to repentance and faith in our Lord, Jesus. Once found, Jesus does not leave those who are His. He stands beside us. He sends the Holy Spirit to see us through trials and temptations, placing us upon firm ground. This begins in our baptism where our sins are drowned like Pharaoh and his host in the sea. There, at the font, the Holy Spirit comes upon each of us individually and by name. God cleanses us and makes us children. He loosens the unbelieving scales from our eyes to see Jesus as He is for us. With the Holy Spirit working repentance and faith in us, we leap for joy in the presence of our Lord, knowing that He forgives us for all our sins that we have been committing since our youth.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-10 Angels Rejoice

Can you hear it? Heaven is rejoicing. Angels and archangels are leading the celebration. Jesus has found another lost and wandering sheep. Jesus has swept His house clean and found another coin lost in the corner. He wants to rejoice. So the angels and archangels rejoice. They rejoiced when you were found. They rejoice when every sinner is found. They rejoice when someone repents. They rejoice when the Absolution is declared, when the lavish flood of baptism is washed upon a sinner, when Christ's body and blood are received in repentance and faith. *Lord, help us repent. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-20 Faith Revealed

Caesarea Philippi was built on the location where the northern king Jeroboam led Israel into idolatry. Later, there were several pagan temples there, including one to Pan. Pan was regarded as a giver of revelations. Yet, in our reading, Pan is useless when it comes to knowing who Jesus is. Jesus is, as St. Peter declares, the "Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter and Paul needed this truth revealed to them. It has also been revealed to you. The Holy Spirit has called you by the Gospel to believe that Jesus is your Lord. *Thank You for revealing to us that Jesus is our Lord. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:6-11 Endure Your Sufferings

The devil, our ancient foe, is prowling around like a lion trying to devour us. But have no fear little flock. You do not stand alone against the devil. The Holy Spirit is with you. He has called you in the waters of Baptism. He has brought you to repentance and faith by the Gospel of Christ crucified. Through trials and temptations, He increases your faith. He places you on firm ground, making it so you can endure your sufferings and resist the devil's temptations. *Lord, teach us to call upon You for help in our suffering. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Micah 7:18-20 God is Love and Compassion

What makes God different from all the man-made deities? According to the prophet Micah, He "pardons iniquity," "passes over iniquity," and "delights in steadfast love." We have a God of love and compassion. Man-made deities are anything except loving and compassionate. God, out of love and compassion, has called us by name in Baptism where He "cast[s] all our sins into the depths of the sea." With our sins forgiven, we are set free by the power of the Holy Spirit to repent of our sins knowing what His love looks like: Jesus sacrificed for our sin and His empty tomb. *Lord, keep us in Your steadfast love. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-56 Holy Spirit Causes Leaping In the Womb

The angel appeared to Zechariah while working in the Temple. He was to have a child. He did not believe the Lord's promise, and so he became mute until the baby's birth. Fast forward a couple months and Elizabeth confesses that the baby in the womb of Mary is the Lord. This is the knowledge that can only come from the Holy Spirit. And top it off, filled with the Holy Spirit, John announces his Lord's appearance in the flesh by leaping in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. What else is there to do but sing and rejoice in knowing that this Child is the Lord? *Lord, help us to rejoice like John, leaping in joy at the sound of Your Word. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-18 Paul Brought to Repentance

Saul was a killer and persecutor of the church. He encouraged stoning because of the sinful and greedy demands of his heart. He believed that he was on the side of the angels. He was the one in the right because those belonging to the Way deserved to die. Because of his spiritual blindness he was blinded physically by God. The Lord converted him and brought him to repentance, to see what he had done. The Lord opened the eyes of his once dead soul to see what he couldn't before: Jesus the Christ is his merciful Lord and Redeemer. Into this faith he was baptized. You too were once blinded by sin. Now, by baptism, your eyes are opened. You walk in His marvelous light. *Lord, remove the scales from our eyes to see Jesus as He has revealed Himself to us. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25 A Psalm of Help and Forgiveness

The Psalmist does not gloss over his youth and past sinful indiscretions. Rather, he admits, he confesses that sins have been his companion and guide. He needs forgiveness. He repents and relies upon the mercies of God, "for Your name's sake." He prays, "O Lord, pardon all my guilt, for it is great." The Lord does this in the perfectly atoning death of Jesus. The minister declares this forgiveness to you, washes it over you, and feeds it to you in the Lord's Supper, so that you may walk in the love and truth of the Lord. *Lord, help me to repent of my sins, even those of my youth. Amen.*

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